

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 2021**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Mathew H. Gambrell, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, John Sutherland, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr, Louise Aikens

Members Via Phone:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Executive Assistant/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Via Phone:

Staff Absent: None

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner** N/A - **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Monday, March 22, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Presentation- Small Business Grant Awardees

2. Audit

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Councilmember Jackson nominated Councilmember Crawford and Mayor Edwards nominated Councilmember Greeson. Councilmember Greeson was elected 5-4. Later in the meeting Councilmember Crawford noted that motion to elect the Mayor Pro Tem had not been officially untabled. At that point nominations and voting took place again. Councilmember Jackson nominated Councilmember Crawford and Mayor Edwards nominated Councilmember Greeson. Councilmember Greeson was elected 5-4.

LEGISLATIVE**ORDINANCES****1. ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021: Amendment Second Reading**

An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 14 – Planning And Development Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adopt The Provisions Of The Bailey Bill Concerning A Special Tax Assessment For Rehabilitated Historic Property And Various Matters Related Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to Approve Ordinance No. 1-2021. An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 14 – Planning And Development Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adopt The Provisions Of The Bailey Bill Concerning A Special Tax Assessment For Rehabilitated Historic Property And Various Matters Related Thereto.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021: First Reading

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Ordinance No. 10-2018 To Update Language Regarding The Economic Incentive Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to Approve Ordinance No. 3-2021. An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville,

S.C. Amending Ordinance No. 10-2018 To Update Language Regarding The Economic Incentive Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 4-2021: First Reading**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Chapter 19, Article V., Division 3. - Sewer Use Regulations to Remain In Compliance With State And Federal Standards.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to Approve Ordinance No. 4-2021. An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Chapter 19, Article V., Division 3. - Sewer Use Regulations to Remain In Compliance With State And Federal Standards.

Motion passed unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 19-2021: Approval Requested**

Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Bid Approval

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Report No.19 – 2021, Wilson Hill Park Bathroom. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Report No. 20-2021: Information Only Report**

Spring Festival Update

3. **Report No. 21-2021: Approval Requested**

Cooper Sand Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Report No.21 – 2021, Cooper Sand Agreement. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

4. Report No. 22-2021 Approval Requested

Infrastructure Development Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Report No.22 – 2021, Infrastructure Development Agreement. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

5. Report No. 23-2021 Information Only

Capital Improvement Plan

NEW BUSINESS**1. Discussion** – Concrete Bollards on Square and South Main (Councilman Crawford)

Council discussed bollards and potentially placing cameras on the Square.

2. Discussion – Shooting Incidents in the City of Abbeville (Councilman Gambrell)

Chief Bosler and Dwayne Balchin presented crime statistics to Council for information purposes. Potential ordinances will be brought up at the next Council meeting.

3. Discussion – Annual Meetings (City Manager, Blake Stone)**4.** Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Patrick Mulcahy on the Planning Commission which expired on April 11, 2021 (Mr. Mulcahy has indicated he would like to serve again).

Mr. Mulcahy was reappointed.

5. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Jeff Lewis on the Planning Commission which expired on April 11, 2021 (Mr. Lewis has indicated he would like to serve again).

Mr. Lewis was reappointed.

6. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Jason Walker on the Planning Commission which expired on March 8, 2020 (Mr. Walker resigned from the board and does not wish to serve again).

Deferred to the May meeting.

7. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Betty Simpson on the Planning Commission which expired on February 14, 2021 (Ms. Simpson does not wish to serve again).

Deferred to the May Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body. (Water Service & Residential)

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to move into Executive Session. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:02 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk